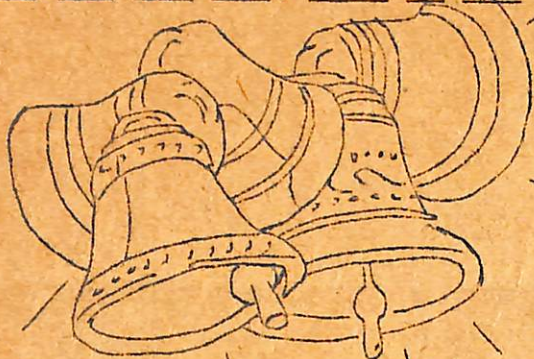


THE WALNUT HILL BULL-GUN

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RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW!



Looking back on the past twelve months, we here at the Club will find a lot has been accomplished to make better shooting for all members. There is still much to be done, however and with the spirit that prevailed in 1953 continuing, we feel sure that much more will be accomplished in 1954!

From the time the injunction was lifted, great strides have been made in the physical property of the Club, - all to the benefit of the members. This has been reflected in the general attitude of the membership. Greater friendliness and good fellowship is evidenced. Come on up and share in this fellowship.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

We would like to bring to the attention of all members that at the December meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted to close the 200 yard, 100 yard and 50 yard prone ranges when the banking behind the targets became frozen.

To explain this action more fully, we will try to outline the thinking behind the action taken. If one day the banking behind the targets on these ranges is frozen, both ranges will be closed to shooting for safety reasons. Should there be a spell of mild weather and the banking is once more soft, then shooting may once again be resumed, after a certification is made. To make sure that the range is usable, any two members of the Club will have to personally inspect the banking, and upon finding that it is not frozen and that it is safe to shoot, they will then so record it in the registration book, signing both their names and the date on which they inspected the banking.

TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES

On January 1st you became indebted to the Club in the amount of \$10.00. YOUR DUES FOR 1954 ARE DUE! To make the work of the Secretary and the Treasurer a little easier, please send along your check, money order or other method of payment, here to the Club. Remember - according to the By-Laws, anyone not paid up by May 1st will be stricken from the roster and can only be reinstated by a vote of the Board of Directors, and payment of all back dues. You've had your bill for dues, so-o-o, be one of the prompt ones. DO IT NOW WHILE IT IS STILL FRESH IN YOUR MIND. Another thing to remember is that you have to be a 'paid up member' to vote at the annual meeting March, or to be a candidate for office.

OUR NEW MEMBER

At the December meeting of the Directors, the following person was elected into the membership of the Club. Be sure to greet him when you meet him:

Theodore F. Robertson, 27 St. Mary's Street, Brookline, Mass.

Incidentally, he has a rifle for sale that may interest you. It is a German Schuetzen Rifle by Franz Kettner, Cologne. 22 cal. L.R., complete with palm rest and original sights. Excellent condition. Set triggers. Price \$95.00. Ask 'Ted' to see it!

SOMETHING NEW AND NECESSARY

The Board of Directors, at their December meeting, voted that on all future applications for membership, a check for \$25.00 shall accompany it. Of this amount \$15.00 shall be an initiation fee, and \$10.00 shall pay the applicant's first year's dues to December 31st of the year of application.

A CREDIT TO OUR CLUB

The small bore rifle team representing our Club in the Massachusetts Small Bore Rifle League, is still enjoying great success and is a credit to our Club.

All members of the team have been doing exceptionally well. Keep up the good work, fellows!

C. Y. on the Range!
The Target Boy



Annual Meeting and Banquet

SATURDAY, MARCH 20th, '54 - 6:30 P.M.

1790 HOUSE - WOBURN

Bring your wife

Tickets --- \$3.00

Bring a guest

A reservation-reminder postcard will be put in the mail in a few days. When you receive it, please be sure to fill it out and return it at once. We expect a large attendance at this meeting, since most of us know what a grand place the 1790 House is for a meeting of this kind.

JOHNNY McDERMOTT is Chairman of the Banquet Committee and he must report to the 1790 House management by the 17th of March, just how many will attend.

There will be an election of officers and directors for the forthcoming year. It is up to you to be present to cast your vote, but remember --- only paid up members are eligible to vote. We know that it is hardly necessary to mention this, but it is a reminder that dues are due!

There is also business of VITAL IMPORTANCE to come before the meeting. Every member should be interested enough in his club to be in attendance. If the dinner hour is not permissible on your schedule, try to come to the meeting later in the evening. But --- be sure to COME!

A full notice in detail, containing an outline of the business to come before the meeting will be mailed to each member prior to the meeting. This is VERY IMPORTANT and your President, "AUSTIE" McHugh feels that this is a matter that should have the consideration and approval of ALL members of this Association.

The IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER CANNOT BE STRESSED OFTEN ENOUGH!!! COME TO THE MEETING.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

There are six bills in the General Court which have a distinct bearing on a 'shooter'. There will be a hearing on the bills - (numbers mentioned below) in the State House on Thursday, February 11th, in Room 257 at 10:30 A. M. HAROLD MORRILL, our Treasurer, whose long years as a member and a 'shooter' make him very qualified, will be present at the hearing to represent the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION, as will a representative of the National Rifle Association, of Washington, D. C. HAROLD, we know, will do a good job in the interests of our Club.

Copies of the bills are available at the State House. Oh, yes, I said I'd give you the numbers----- H-474; H-265; H-740; H-854; H-856; and 127 - probably a Senate bill.

In the next few days, do all you can to talk with your representatives in the General Court. They like to have your viewpoint, and who can tell, you may be able to sway their thinking in line with your wishes. And another 'oh, yes' - we're in favor of H-474 and H-265, and we're agin' all others.

HERE'S A 'TO-DO' FOR YOU!

Look for the reservation card in the next few days --- get the return card back to JOHNNY

McDermott right away --- send your check or money order for reservations to Mr. JOHN McDERMOTT, 54 High Street, Woburn, Mass. --- talk with your representative to the General Court - AND PLAN TO COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!!!!

C.U. on the Range



CALLING
ALL MEMBERS!

TO THE
79TH ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

1790 HOUSE - WOBURN
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, '54.

6:30 P.M.

\$3.00

You all know about the Annual Meeting as listed above. Are YOU coming??? You SHOULD BE THERE!! It is the one annual affair that should have your attention, and particularly so this year, since there is so much to be discussed at the meeting after the banquet.

JOHNNY McDERMOTT has received a goodly number of return cards advising attendance and making reservations. But.... there are still quite a few that could be mailed. We'd like to know whether or not you plan to attend, and we must have the information by the 17th - just about a week away!

Please cooperate with the committee in charge and see that your card is returned as requested - AND BE SURE TO COME!! You'll enjoy the fellowship and have a part in the activities of YOUR Association.

HE'S BACK WITH US

'PETE' MATTSON, who has been in the hospital for quite some time, is back home, fully recovered. It will be good to see him back on the range. Welcome home, 'PETE'!

WE HATE TO TELL YOU

This is a job your Treasurer hates to do! But.... it is necessary to remind a couple of dozen of our members that the 'dues are due'. According to the By-laws of the Association, non-payment of dues by May 1st, terminates membership.

We know it is an oversight with those who have not as yet 'squared up' with the Treasurer, but it would be fine for him to report 100% paid up memberships by the 20th!

DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU
KNOW ABOUT THIS

Your Association is affiliated with the National Rifle Association. Several of our members are also members of the national group. But.... here's something that you should know if you haven't heard. You can save 25% on your dues to the National Rifle Association - they are \$4.00 a year - if you will have your dues sent to National by our Secretary. You fellows that will soon renew your membership, give your dues - in this case only \$3.00 - to our Secretary, and he will send in your renewal. If you want to join, you too, can give the Secretary just \$3.00 and he'll send in your application for membership.

Might just as well save that dollar!

A QUICK GOIN' OVER

Our Annual Meeting on the 20th is VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU--- get your reservation card in the mail NOW!!--- There are some very important items of business that must be concluded at this meeting, and should come before the general membership--- Again we say, it's important that you be on hand to express your views and give us the benefit of your thinking--- there will be another letter to you outlining some of the matters to be discussed--- put everything else aside on March 20th and come to the meeting--- JOHNNY McDERMOTT is looking for the return cards of those who have not as yet returned them--- send your check or money order along with your reservation, if possible--- While talking money, how about a check or money order from those who have not as yet sent in their dues--- March 15th, Income Tax Time, is past, and your worries should be over for another year--- you can save 25% by joining the National Rifle Association through your membership with this organization--- WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU and YOU and YOU on the 20th, at the 1790 House in Woburn, at 6:30 P.M.--- and remember - Guests are invited!!!

THE TARGET BOY

THE WALNUT HILL BULL-GUN



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OUR 79TH ANNUAL MEETING.....was held on Saturday, March 20th, 1954 at the 1790 House in Woburn. A delicious dinner was served at 6:30 P.M., to members and their guests and at 8:00 P.M., President McHugh called the meeting to order. During the proceedings, the lady guests at the banquet retired to an ante room where they enjoyed a friendly game of cards.

Secretary JIM DRUMGOOLE read the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting and Treasurer HAROLD MORRILL read his annual report. The membership present voted to accept the reports as read. Chairmen of the various working committees then read their reports. After clearing up all old business, the body then went on to new business and the first new business to come before the meeting was the election of officers and members to the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Because of the very fine work they have done in the past and the devotion to their duties, the members voted to continue in office our present Secretary and Treasurer JIM DRUMGOOLE and HAROLD MORRILL. The meeting next proceeded to the election of members to serve on the Board of Directors. There was considerable interest shown, and out of twenty-six candidates, the following fifteen were elected to the Board:

CHARLES R. THORN
RANDALL S. SMITH
EINAR P. MATSON
WINTHROP CUTTS
AUSTIN McHUGH

JOHN O. McDERMOTT
RALSTON A. STILES
JOSEPH A. HOLDEN
JOHN B. STETSON
JAMES O'NEILL

CHARLES E. O'CONNOR
FRED W. FRIZZELL
CURTIS S. GALLUP
RUSSELL L. FOOTE
JOSEPH FUHS

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Directors voted to continue in office for the coming year, Austin McHugh as President; Charles Thorn and Fred Frizzell as Vice Presidents.

It was brought out at the meeting that certain interests are negotiating with the Association to buy or lease certain parcels of the club property. The members voted to turn this matter over to the Board of Directors for study and when all facts are known, to report their findings to the whole membership before any action is taken. The Directors, at their first board meeting, voted to hold a special meeting within two weeks to deal with this matter and as soon as it is possible, will notify all members of their findings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M., with the general opinion that the meeting and banquet this year was a huge success. A "very well done" was expressed to JOHN McDERMOTT and FRED FRIZZELL for doing such an excellent job in arranging the well-planned event. And a word of praise to JOE COLLINS who served as bar tender for the evening and did a very fine job in making sure that each person had plenty of his favorite beverage by his side.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Members who have not paid their dues for the year have only until April 30th to do so. Non-payment of dues at that time calls for being dropped from membership, and remember - you cannot be reinstated until all dues are paid and by a vote of the Board of Directors. At the present time the club membership has been temporarily closed at 75 members and there is already a waiting list of applicants. These applicants will be voted into membership as a vacancy occurs. If you should happen to be one who has not as yet paid his dues, please do so right away!

OUR BIG LEAGUERS

The members of the Small Bore League were given a big hand by the members present for the fine showing they made in league competition this past season. (They finished second) It would be hard to name all the members of the team as so many of them participated. They all did very well, otherwise they wouldn't have finished where they did.

Incidentally, it was voted to enter two teams in the Eastern Massachusetts Rifle League this coming season. All those interested in shooting with these teams should get in touch with Secretary JIM right away, and he will give you the necessary details,--- you need not be an expert to enter in these matches and a lot of fun can be had. There will be five matches this year, all to be held at Wakefield. There will be three held on Sundays and two on Saturdays. Here's the dates: The Sundays: May 9, 30, June 6; the Saturdays: May 15th and 22nd.

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Members who wish to buy, sell or trade may have their wants advertised in this bulletin by contacting the Secretary.....With better weather and longer days coming, we will once more begin to have 'work nights' here at the club. There is a lot to be done, and we hope to have a large turnout when these nights are announced....or published at the club..... The Board of Directors will hold their first REGULAR meeting on Tuesday, May 4th.

C. U. on the Range,
The Target Boy.



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MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION

THE LATEST NEWS!



HE WENT AND DID IT! NOT GUNS! NOT RIFLES! NOT PISTOLS! Just a plain ole bow and arrow got 'im! Who would ever think that a member of a RIFLE club would be taken over by a bow and arrow! And by a little guy with very few clothes known to all who are in the same category, as "Cupid".

Sure, you finally ketch on! One of our members got himself married to a very fine gal! JOHNNY - McDermott, that is - met up with a very fine gal named SHIRLEY BAIRD and they were recently married. OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS and OUR VERY BEST WISHES GO TO THE HAPPY COUPLE! Both are from Woburn.

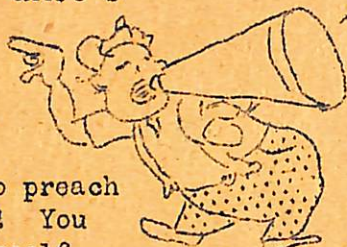
Say, Shirley - you'll let JOHNNY continue shooting won't you, even though he was taken over by a dart?

SPRING IS HERE!

in effect, there are going to be lots of good night when we can get in a few licks of work. After the winter, there's put the old club house in and fall use. Further economy to keep an investment in good condition.



need for us soap box to preach assistance! You property yourself for some paint brush work. A little touching up here and there will do a world of good to the old boards and will keep 'em in shape for some extra years. And of course, that 'walk in from Salem Street' will need some going over. swing a hammer, might be willing the brush. A push, even for work. But the fact remains



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ASK JIM FOR IT!

JIM DRUMGOOLE, our Secretary, now has in his possession copies of the By-Laws of the Association. All you have to do to get one is to ask JIM for it. It might be well for you to have a copy and go over the laws that govern YOUR association. No charge, and we'll gladly see that you have one. As before - JUST ASK JIM!

SHOOTIN' MATCHES

Enclosed with this bulletin is a copy of the Schedule of Matches for the year 1954. You who have been members of the club for some time know about these competitions.

The Gerrish Re-entry Match runs throughout the year. But on July Fourth, we have our Qualification Day. Read the Schedule information carefully. There's a lot to be learned and maybe a medal or two.

July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st and August 8th there will be two trophy or cup matches each day. August 15th and August 22nd, single matches.

Read over the regulations and requirements.. You'll find something that will interest you. Get in these matches! There are many that you will find are really arranged for you!

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES FOR 1954

GERRISH RE-ENTRY MATCH Runs throughout the year. .22 r.f.; any sights, any position, 200 yard decimal target. 10¢ per 10 shot string, two highest strings to count. May be shot on Saturday, Sunday, holidays.

JULY 4TH - QUALIFICATION DAY

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.- Re-loading of .30-06 and .45 ammunition. Equipment, supplies, brass, at range. It is to be a community affair. Firing school at 10:00 A.M. After the firing school, the standard qualification courses for .22, .30-06 and .45 ACP will be fired. For those not owning weapons, there will be arms at the range that can be used. Sterling silver qualification medals are supplied by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. Everybody out!! For the new shooters, it will be a chance to win their first medal.

CUP MATCHES: Registration for matches closes at 1:00 P.M.; first relay on the line at 1:15 P.M. The entry fee will include the cost of target boys to mark targets. Medal schedule as follows:

- 1 to 3 shooters: possession of trophy for one year
- 4 to 7 " : " " " " " " " and permanent medal.
- 8 to 11 " : " " " " " " " , permanent medal and second place medal.
- 12 or more " : Third place medal, plus above.

The liberal use of medals is offered to encourage all club members, new and old, to compete. If the member wins more than one medal during the season, attempts will be made to obtain small pewter mugs, ashtrays, sugar bowls, etc. with the M.R.A. seal imbedded (and suitably engraved) in place of a repetition of the medals (if the member so desires). The winner will then be able to have an article in view and use rather than a shoe box full of medals.

Note: In the below listed matches, "standing" means one arm free, no hip rest; sling in parade position; "N.R.A. Standing" allows the hip rest; "I.S.U. Standing" allows palm rest, pronged butt plate, etc.

JULY 11TH

McGOVERN CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Any rifle; any iron sights; standing; 200 yards; A target; 2 sighting shots; 15 shots for record.

D. A. KNIGHT TROPHY: Entry \$1.25 - .22 r.f.; iron sights; 200 yards; decimal target; 10 shots N.R.A. Standing; 20 shots prone.

JULY 18TH.

DANFORTH TROPHY: Entry \$1.00 - 22 r.f.; any sights; prone; N.R.A. targets; 10 shots, 50 yards; 10 at 100 yards; and 10 at 200 yards.

THANISCH CUP: Entry \$1.00 - 22 rifle; any sights; N.R.A. targets; 20 shots N.R.A. standing, 100 yards; 20 shots, prone, 200 yards; unlimited sighters at 100 yards on sighting bull, 2 sighters at 200 yards.

JULY 25TH.

DAVIS CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Any rifle; receiver sights allowed, sitting position; no sighters; 10 shots slow fire; decimal target; 200 yards.

GIBSON CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Any rifle; any iron sights; A target at 200 yards; 10 shots standing; 10 shots rapid fire, sitting from standing. Two magazines required for 22 calibre.

AUGUST 1ST

ZORN CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Any small bore rifle; any sights; prone; 10 shots at 50 yards; 10 shots at 100 yards; NRA targets. Any .30-06 rifle; A target; 200 yards; 10 shots standing and 10 shots sitting; slow fire.

LAMBERT CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Any hand gun; 10 shots at 100 yards; slow fire; any rifle; any metallic sights; 10 shots at 200 yards; NRA standing; NRA rifle targets at both 100 and 200 yards.

AUGUST 8TH:

WAKEFIELD CUP: Entry \$1.00 - Military rifle; any iron sights; prone; two sighting shots; 20 shots for record; 200 yards; decimal target.

VICTORY TROPHY: Entry \$1.00 - Free rifle; any sights; prone; 200 yards; decimal target; 2 sighting shots; 15 shots for record.

AUGUST 15TH:

CREEDMOOR CUP: Entry \$1.25 - Free rifle; any sights; I.S.U. Standing position; 2 sighting shots; 30 shots at 200 yards; Standard American target.

AUGUST 22ND:

SWISS MATCH: Entry \$0.75 - Any .22 r.f. rifle; any sights; any position; decimal target; 200 yards; 2 sighters; miss 10 ring and out.

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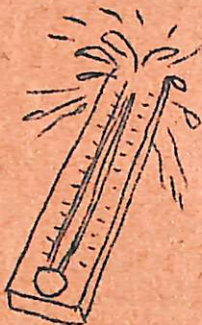
SERVICES APPRECIATED

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, President Austin McHugh was given a rising vote of thanks by the members of the Board; and it was voted to send to member Don Welch, (an honorary member) a letter of appreciation for the very fine work he did, along with Austin, to bring a successful conclusion to our case against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Public Works Department, in regard to their taking by right of eminent domain, certain parcels of Association land in order to complete the new Route #128 highway. Those of the members who attended the annual meeting are well acquainted with the work done by these members, and you who use the facilities of the club and the ranges, can well appreciate that this facility would not be available had the state won its case.

It was a long, hard fight and both Austie and Don overcame many obstacles thrown in their paths by the attorneys for the Department of Public Works. The Department finally settled for almost eight times the original amount first offered to the Association by the Department.

A very well done to both men who worked long and hard and gave up plenty of their own time to see that the Association received what was rightfully coming to them.

ENJOY HOT WEATHER?



When the temperature reaches for the top of the thermometer - and you are just about done in - has the thought ever come to you that you might come up to the Club to enjoy the fresh country breezes that prevail, regardless what the temperature reads in the city? With the summer season here, we do expect to see more members taking advantage of the facilities of the Club. At least ten degrees cooler than the hot streets of home; the fine outdoor ranges that the Club has to offer you for target shooting....plus the spacious grounds where the members may just sit and relax between rounds - of shooting, that is! The broad green lawns that surround our club house are a pleasure to behold on a warm sunny Saturday or Sunday afternoon. The porch around the club house offers a very cool and comfortable place where one may sit

and enjoy the fine breeze that drifts through the tall trees that grow on the grounds.

Why not come and enjoy the facilities that the club offers its members and remember-- if you are looking for a cool, comfortable place in which to relax, you will find no better place to do this than Walnut Hill - your own club.

ARE YOU PARTICIPATING?

With your last Bulletin, each member received a notice explaining all of the matches run off here at the Club which any member can and should enter. The dates of the various matches are shown, and since quite a few dates are mentioned, there must be at least a couple of dates that should interest you.

These matches are run for YOU! We'd like to see every member take part in these events and we hope that you will put the notice referred to in the paragraph above in a prominent place where you can refer to it when you want to.

REMEMBER ---- July Fourth is Qualification Day! That's just about ten days off!!!!

A WELL INFORMED MEMBER

A well informed member is a good member! To be well-informed you should know the rules by which your Club is governed. Copies of the By-laws are available to any member who would like to have a copy. If you haven't already received a copy, contact the Secretary - JIM Drumgoole - and ask for one.

NEW MEMBERS

Your target boy understands that there were several new members admitted to membership at the last meeting of the Board. As soon as the names are received, a copy of this bulletin will be mailed to these newcomers. In the meantime, greet these fellows when you meet them on the range.

C. U. on the Range
The Target Boy

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QUALIFICATION DAY

Sunday, July 4th, was Qualification Day, and although only a few members of the Club turned out for the events, those that did had a very enjoyable time. Those who qualified were Pete Matson, Kidder, Legrow, Thorne and Stetson, with Pete Matson topping them all in all events. Nice shooting, Pete! And congratulations to you all for turning out. We hope it will not be too long before your medals arrive here at the Club.

OH, THOSE LOBSTERS



On Monday, July 5th - also a holiday - Charlie Gallup and Fred Frizzell took a quick trip to Maine leaving Woburn in the very early morning hours to bring back some of those very delicious Maine lobsters. A few of the members and their families who happened to be at the Club that day did a very excellent job of disposing of the lobsters that Fred and Charlie brought back. A very enjoyable was had by those in attendance.

OUTING COMING UP

At the last Directors meeting it was voted to hold our Annual Outing on Saturday, September 11th. As yet, a menu, and other important details have not been decided on, but you can be sure that the Outing will be a good one. (when did we ever have a poor one!)

Those who have attended the outings in the past surely remember that a wonderful meal has always been served. At the August meeting of the directors, the menu will be decided on, and you shall hear. You'll be notified well in advance of the affair just what is to be served.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

At Outing time it is customary for us to have a bit of a drive for funds for the maintenance of building and grounds. It's a work fund, wherein you buy 'time' for these necessary repairs. There is always need for repairs around a Club such as ours, and if all pitch in the fund will be implemented by the necessary dollars to complete the work. Work Fund tickets are printed and ready for distribution to the membership. Those who fail to receive their allotment of time tickets, or for those who might like to have a few more, please get in touch with the committee in charge of this fund or any member of the Board of Directors. The Committee members in this case are:

ROLLIE STILES

FRED FRIZZELL

These two members did such a 'bang-up' job last year, we just counted on their services again this year. But it's up to you, and you and YOU to give them a hand by subscribing 'time' to this cause.

Last year we donated dollars for hours; this year we're donating dimes for minutes! Donations received, and so gratefully acknowledged, last year helped considerably.

But here's the good part of it----- if you are fortunate enough to have the right 'receipt' for your donation of 'time' to the building fund, you may find yourself the proud owner of a new rifle or a shotgun. You'll hear from the Committee later.

Just remember this! The funds received from this activity will be put into the Building Fund and as you all know, there is a lot of work to be done to the buildings of the Association.

The August issue of "THE WALNUT HILL BULL-GUN" will give you complete details on this activity and the Annual Outing on September 11th.

BAREFOOT BOY WITH COAT OF TAN

Charlie Thorne has returned home from vacation on Sunday last, looking well tanned and rested. Understand he did a little fishing, but he doesn't say too much about it except that he will not be eating any white perch for some time to come.....

If any other member has any vacation news, won't he or she please let us know so that we can print it in this bulletin.

LIKE BLUEBERRIES??

The Club grounds are well stocked with blueberry bushes, and right now most of them are just filled with berries. You can come pick 'em, but if desire to do so, make SURE THAT ALL FIRING IS DONE AND OVER WITH, and that someone on the firing line knows you are out there picking berries. It's just a SAFETY FIRST precaution

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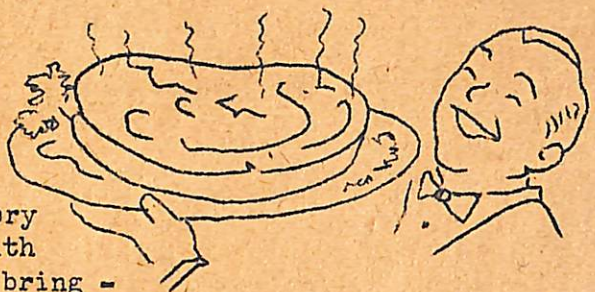
Bulletin of the
Massachusetts Rifle Association



Here's what we've been waiting for! At the August meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted by the Outing Committee that this annual affair would be held on Saturday, September 11th, on the club grounds. The Committee, too, voted to dispense with the usual lobster dinner this year and to have in its place, sizzling charcoal broiled steaks, done to suit the individual's own taste. Along with the steak will be served french fried potatoes, a tossed salad, rolls, butter and coffee; of course for those who want it, the beverage of moderation or perhaps something a little stronger, will be available as always for a

slight extra fee. As you know, our Annual Outing is always enjoyed on the spacious grounds of the Association. A fine day of shooting will be arranged for members and their guests, and on or about five o'clock, dinner will be served. For those who may wish to spend the whole day at the club, a light luncheon may be had by contacting Mrs. Matson, our genial hostess.

Cards will soon be sent to each member in regard to the Outing and those of you who plan to attend - and we sincerely hope that every member will be there, along with any guests you may wish to bring - will please see to it that the



return card is sent back to the club promptly, and not later than Friday, September 3rd. This is necessary so that the committee will know how many to prepare for. This detail is most important - get that card back AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED BY YOU. Tickets for this Annual Outing will be \$3.00 per person, and remember - you may bring guests to this affair. We are sure it will be a day you will long remember - and like the lobster dinners of the past, you will be talking about the delicious steaks long after the outing.

WORK TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

Work Fund Tickets can still be had by contacting any member of the Committee, or by getting in touch with either Rollie Stiles or Fred Frizzell, co-chairmen of the Work Fund drive. By your purchase of time, our Building Fund will benefit, and you all know how important that is. And.....you may have a choice of prizes that would interest any and all shooters, and for those not interested in shooting, there would be a cash incentive. Returns for the tickets purchased for time given should be in by September 3rd. You can get them in before that date if you like, but be sure to get 'em in. Of course, the distribution of prizes will be made at the Outing on the 11th. Your interest in this Work Fund Drive is important - and let's make September 11th a day we will all remember.

A NEW MEMBER

Voted into the membership of the Club at the last meeting of the Board of Directors was Stuart H. Turner, 4 Cutler Farm Road, Lexington. Greet him when you meet him!

LOST, STRAYED or.....

A Hammock, belonging to Pete Matson, was mistakenly taken from the club house. If anyone should stumble across this, we know that Pete would be happy to see it back once more between the two big trees in the back of the house. Let's look for it!

NOT NICE, BUT NECESSARY

It has been brought to the attention of the Directors that at various times during the week days, some members and sometimes their guests, have been using the various ranges at the club without first registering in the book and then paying the proper range fee. We have, as you know, what is known as the Honor System of paying at the club, and if this is neglected time after time then it would be impossible to run the club as it should be. So that we keep everything straight, remember, you must first register and register your guests you have with you and then pay the range fee for you and your guest. The little red metal box on the wall next to the registering book, is

where you deposit all range fees. If perchance you don't have the right change necessary to pay the fee, or no one is on hand to take the range fee, please register and mark it "not paid" and then pay later. Easier than losing your membership, isn't it? It is a flagrant violation of the rules and By-Laws of the Association not to register before going on the firing line. Please do not violate this rule! As said before, it might cost you your membership. This rule covers the use of all ranges - indoor or out. A couple of our members who unintentionally violated this rule, have explained the circumstances to the President. It appears that some of the new members might not have understood this rule. Everyone should check their conscience - ask yourself if you have violated this rule. Do you owe any range fees? It's not too late to make your entry and "feed" the little red box.

Incidentally, ammunition usually is available at the rangekeeper's house.

C. U. at the Outing
The Target Boy..



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AND THEN CAME EDNA!

As you will remember, your Association had planned to hold their Annual Outing on Saturday, September 11 th. Who ever thought that Edna would follow Carroll!!! What happened? Well, the outing was postponed for a week and a day - to be held on Sunday, September 19th. And thenthe rains came!

We held the outing all right, but it had to be held indoors. And it's a good thing that we had an 'indoors' to hold the affair in. A luscious steak dinner was served to about fifty of our members and friends. The steaks were grand and the trimmin's all that could be expected - and more! While the annual affair was marred because of the weather - both the postponement and the rain - we did have a fine time. The new dishes and eating utensils were used for the first time on this occasion. We - the club - now owns a complete service for forty eight diners.

It should be mentioned, too, that the Building Work Fund was a real success. The thanks of the officers and the club members goes to Rollie Stiles, Fred Frizzell and all the others who worked on this project. The work contributions will certainly be put to good use.

HURRICANE DAMAGE

We were lucky! That is, as far as our buildings were concerned. There was some roofing paper blown off the porch roofs and the covers over the two hundred yard firing positions were damaged. A most unusual thing was that we kept our electric current during both the storms. Our telephone line was broken in seven places, and a number of trees went down. Help in cleaning up came from our members - Fred Frizzell came and brought one of his men; Pete Mattson, Johnny McDermott, Joe Fuhs, Austie McHugh and his son Frank, who brought his truck and an extra man, soon cleared the road. This work was done on Monday evening. Thanks to all who helped. Maybe I missed a few?

COOPERATION OF MEMBERS

One of the most necessary factors in the success of any club is the cooperation of its members. Our club is no exception to this rule.

You will remember your President's report of March 10th, regarding the land situation. He pointed out at that time the need for thoughtful consideration and complete cooperation of the members of the club, to prevent the possible repetition of another injunction. The Board of Directors are responsible for the progress or failure of a club and the will of the members controls the action of your Board. Your President feels that a survey of our properties is an absolute necessity, because of the encroachment of both residential and industrial buildings. You all know that buildings are getting closer to our outdoor range. This is always a threat to our outdoor shooting.

For over a year, an abutter through his lawyer, has been endeavoring quite constantly to get an easement to his property through land owned by the club parallel to Route 128. Up to date your President and Don Welch have been successful in subduing the pressure being applied. Now, the mayor of Woburn has been pushing us for this easement. At the time of our last conversation with the lawyer, he very tactfully reminded us that we were shooting toward Route 128 and that we were in need of additional safety precautions. Your President has made a tentative appointment with Mayor Murray to meet with him to discuss this situation. The committee that will accompany the Prez to this discussion will consist of the Executive Committee and Messrs. Frizzell, Mattson and Gallup. REMEMBER - this is not a one man or a one group club! Everyone who pays his dues to the Mass. Rifle Ass'n. should be just as concerned in this matter as are your officers and others who take an extreme interest in the club's welfare. If you have ANY SUGGESTIONS that may be of interest, why don't you take a few minutes of your time and write to your Board of Directors?

SHOOTING TIME

This isn't a Sunday shooting club! It's not the only time to come shooting. A group has been coming to the range on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and have been enjoying the facilities offered by the indoor range. Why don't you come up and see us some evening? Open every evening, you know!

C. U. on the Range

The Target Boy



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BULLETIN of the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.....

FIRST THINGS FIRST

It's really tragic how one little four letter word, left out in a statement in last month's Bullgun, can cause so much disturbance. Your Target Boy left the word "only" out in the last paragraph of the item concerning 'SHOOTING TIME'. I should have said "This isn't a Sunday only shooting club". You all know, your editor knows and I do, too, that the club is open to members every day and evening. Pardon the error, please? Your officers and Directors, all who come to the club, regardless of the day, enjoy the facilities now available. Of course, you'll find the ranges less crowded on days other than Sunday.

HAVE YOU READ 'EM

Every member should be familiar with the By-Laws of our Club! Of particular importance is that section which outlines the duties of the different committees. Committee function is the life-blood of a good organization, and those who serve on such a committee, should be well versed the duties of each committee, so that he can give his best to his organization. It's our By-Laws which govern us, and a committee member can be of considerable help in the workings of a Club, if he actually is familiar with the rules and regulations as set up in the By-Laws.

It's good business to occasionally read over the By-Laws! If you need a copy, your Secretary, Jim Drumgoole can furnish you with one.

The thought outlined in this paragraph is particularly true in the case of the officers and directors, who indeed should have complete understanding of the rules and their application.

WE'RE IN THE LEAGUE

Your club has entered a team in the Eastern Massachusetts Rifle League. Our team is entered in the "B" Division of this competition. If you are interested in participating in this competition, contact Johnny McDermott, who is Acting Captain. Johnny will do a good job for the club. He can be reached by addressing him care of the Club; at his home, 54 High Street, Woburn, or at the Club. Get behind this movement and give Johnny a boost. We didn't do too badly last year - and improvement is expected this year.

THIS 'N THAT

We're sorry to report the resignations of Caroline and Roy Tarbox. Their resignations were acted on at the last meeting of the Board. We'll miss'em at the club.

Members of this Club are welcome to attend meetings of the Board. Of course, a member has no voice or vote at these sessions, but you'd be surprised at the amount of business that is transacted in the usual two to three hour session held on the first Tuesday of each month.

NEW INDOOR MATCH

The Board has set up a new indoor match for competition on the Club's range. Tickets from the Secretary, or at the Range Keeper's house (in the Secretary's absence) are 10¢ each. This match will consist of two divisions - A and B. Anyone shooting off-hand rifle 85 and up; prone, 97 and up; slow fire revolver 85 and up, will be in A Division. "B" Division off-hand 84 and under; prone rifle, 96 and under; slow fire revolver 84 and under.

This match starts November 1st, and will be known as the "Club Gallery Match", and first, second and third medals in each class and each division will be awarded - 18 medals in all! The match will close sometime during the month of April, the date to be announced later.

The match can be shot any Sunday, weekday or holiday, and any weekday evening. This is a re-entry match - shoot as much as you please. The only regulation is that your score must be witnessed by another member, and scores will be posted on a board to be provided. You asked for this activity! Here it is!!!

LET'S HAVE IT

It's not easy to administer a club of this size. There is much to be desired, we are sure, and if you have a 'gripe' LET'S HAVE IT, IN WRITING. If you're not satisfied the way the Club is being conducted by your Board of Directors, or if you are annoyed by the attitude or action of any of our members - officers, directors and member alike - this is your chance. Let's have everything open and above-board. A 'gripe' on your chest is no good for you or your club. But - a 'Gripe' is usually a good suggestion in disguise!!! Let's have it

C. U. ON THE RANGE,
The Target Boy.



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HUNTING SEASON AT HAND!

JOE FUHS, PETE



Our members must be out in the woods! There's lots of deer meat around. Over the grapevine we hear that MATSON, and FRED FRIZZELL were among the lucky nimrods.and we haven't as yet heard from HAL DINGLEY, CURT GALLUP, JOE HOLDEN or RANDY SMITH! Who knows but what they might be eating venison instead of turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

GOOD DIRECTORS MEETING HELD

Secretary - pinch hitting for Jim, and he was all right. He should have been good, since all is right with him, - he has a new scope for his rifle!

The Board of Directors held one of the best meetings in some time on the first Tuesday of November. But, CURT GALLUP forgot to pick up the Secretary - JIM DRUMGOOLE, who was sorely missed! JOHNNY McDERMOTT acted as

One of the items of discussion was with the Treasurer, regarding the finances of the Club. It was noted that range fees fell off from the amount collected last year. We should watch this carefully, and let's do more shooting. This, you know, is our principal source of revenue, other than dues. The range fees that we pay are the finances that keep our club going. Come on up and get on the firing line!

And let us tell you this --- if you don't come up on a Wednesday night, you're really missing something! LEN COLLINS, JOHN BULLOCK, STEW TURNER, ART LEGRO, RUSS FOOTE, HARRY NELSON, JOE FUHS, AUSTIE McHUGH, and always a guest or two, liven up the place. When BULLOCK and NELSON are on the firing line, there's plenty of .22 ammo used. As said above, these fellows are an inspiration to our membership and are certainly helping to build up the enthusiasm.

LUCKY TARGETS

We found some "lucky" targets at the range, and if you think that shooting at these targets isn't real fun, come on up and see! You might even like to try your hand at it. Can you imagine AUSTIE getting an "8" on lucky targets? That's for three shots, too, and you have a possible score of 54. Lots of fun and laughs.



There's even talk of getting up a turkey shoot using lucky targets. This would be held some time during December, so the lucky winner could take home the bird. Remember this - you don't have to be a marksman to win. If you can see the paper target - and hit it - you can be the winner. You can't read the markings from the firing line, so all you have to do is shoot at that small piece of paper. How lucky can you be??? Come on up and find out!

Shooting lucky targets, creating additional interest, will also help out the treasury with the range fees. If handled properly, this should be a fine activity

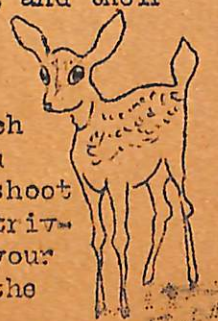
for the Club - as well as an income producer.

WE WANT TO BE COMFORTABLE

There was a lengthy discussion relative to bettering the physical condition of the club house. It was voted a work party be organized, with work to start on Tuesday, November 23rd. If you want to help - and we'll need the help of all our members - come on up some evening or weekend. All that is necessary are some work clothes and some simple hand tools. The Board has authorized the purchase of materials - from the Building Fund finances - to insulate the building. It was interesting to watch ROLLIE STILES and WIN CUTTS measuring the window openings, to get the details so that storm windows can be secured and placed. All directors present felt that if we want to keep our members coming to the Club during the cold months, we have to make them, and their surroundings, as comfortable as possible. Sounds good!



LEAGUE SHOOTERS * Our team is progressing in the Rifle League, even though we lost the match last week. We need your support. Even if you can't shoot as a team member, come on up and shoot (I mean shout) encouragement to those who are striving to win recognition for the club. Give 'em your moral support. JOHNNY McDERMOTT is Captain of the team. Until next month, good shooting!



The Target Boy



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Officers and Directors of the Massachusetts Rifle Ass'n extend their greetings for a very happy CHRISTMAS SEASON and a happy, healthy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

THE 'WEEPERS'

In the last bulletin we mentioned the competition that has been developing in the shooting of 'Lucky Targets'. AUSTIE McHUGH'S eight has been bettered by JOE COLLINS, who now heads the 'weepers' with a 6.

DIRECTORS' MEETING

What a couple of inches of snow can do! We only had a quorum at our last meeting to conduct the business of the Club. Maybe some of them were deer hunting, others were absent with good excuses. According to our By-Laws, with which our Directors should be familiar - missing six directors meetings successively will eliminate a member from serving. We don't want to lose any of our Board members in this manner, and some of them are close. We know that you are interested in the welfare of the Club, or you wouldn't have accepted the invitation to serve. Be sure that you are on hand at our next meeting, please.

THE SAME OLD STORY

Once upon a time - or should we begin that way? In the last Bull-Gun, it was mentioned that the directors 'voted a work party be organized.....' Members were invited to participate in the efforts to improve the conditions at the Club - YOUR CLUB! How many showed up? Not very many, and those who did show were the usual group that are willing to give some of their time to better our facilities. As a result, the Board at the last meeting decided to get some estimates from outside contractors and get as much work done as the money on hand will provide.

SOME ODZ & ENZ

Pete MATTSON is home from the hospital recuperating from his recent operation.....Doc STETSON left us for ANN ARBOR, Michigan. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!.....The team representing our Club in the Massachusetts Rifle League WON their match last week. Their total score increased considerable, and they are now 'in the groove'.....Your ideas help this Club, let's have 'em.

NEW MEMBER

PAUL HANSON, 306 Salem Street, Wakefield was elected to our membership at the Board meeting. Presented by STU TURNER, his membership becomes effective January 1, 1955. The recommendation given Paul, in a letter received, was well worth listening to. He is an enthusiastic shooter and should make a good member. If he's tall, good looking and blond, say 'hello', - it's Paul!

WE HAVE BEEN HOSTS

When we entertain our opponents in the League, we entertain them at the close of the competitions. HARRY NELSON, Chairman of the Refreshment Committee thanks JOE FUHS for the \$6.00 he donated, AUSTIE McHUGH for the hots cups and some cash, which helps along with the refreshments,---- there's always some extra coffee and doughnuts for the rooters - come on up!

WEDNESDAY NITE SHOOTERS...are increasing in number and are having a whale of a time!

A noticeable increase in the range fee collections shows this interest. Come on up - if you don't want to shoot, you can start the fire, push a broom and enjoy a nice, pleasant, warm evening among congenial companions. Who knows, there may even be enough interest to start another week night group! And don't forget the Club Gallery Match is still open. Consult previous bulletins and look for more information as we go along. The past two Sundays - November 26 and December 5 - the registration book showed a couple of lean Sundays. Your Prez and a guest were the only ones on hand last week, with everything to themselves. You're missing a good bet. Indoor shooting is fun, too, and you could be shooting gallery matches.

TURKEY SHOOT

You've probably been waiting for this. A Turkey Shoot, using Lucky Targets, starting at noon on Sunday, December 19th. Registrations will start at noon, and will run 'til 6 - or later if interest holds. There'll be a deer prize, too. All who participate will find it very interesting. IRON SIGHTS and REVOLVERS ONLY.

DUES ARE DUE.

As January 1st rolls around, you can expect to receive your dues bill for the year 1955 - with an added \$1.00 assessment to cover insurance. RANDY SMITH did a remarkable job in straightening out the liability insurance coverage of the Club. The Board is grateful, the members will be. Several of the members of the Board already paid. If more had come to the meeting, we would have had more! Will you please take care of that obligation promptly when presented?

ONCE AGAIN .. A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Target Boy